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Oppeln.

- On 24 January 1952, the headquarters of the 4th Polish Inf Div was identified in Oppeln (P 51/J 17). The division was under the command of General Kieniewicz (fnu), an eastern Pole of Russian extraction. The deputy commander was Major General Mierzenko (fnu), a Russian by birth. Components of the division were stationed in Oppeln, Neisse (P 51/H 75) and Glatz (P 51/H 34). The components in Neisse included an infantry regiment under the command of Major Lewkowicz (fnu). *

Katowice.

- An unidentified number of medium type tanks were seen on trial runs near Katowice (Q 51/Y 57) in early 1952. They came from the Laurahutte plant in Katowice.

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 Comment.

There have been no indications to date that the 4th Inf Div is stationed in the Oppeln area. However, the possibility of the transfer of the division to the Oppeln area should not be ruled out, because the military installations in that area became available for occupation by Polish troops after the withdrawal of components of the Soviet 20th Tank Div in the spring of 1951. General Kieniewicz (fnu), mentioned in the present report as the commanding general of the 4th Inf Div, may be the commanding general of 14 3d LD in Krakow who was mentioned in several press dispatches.

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